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PUBLIC MEETINGS ANNOUNCED FOR CONSERVATION SECURITY PROGRAM

RENO, March 15 — Agricultural producers are encouraged to attend a public meeting on the Conservation Security Program, announced today by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Four Nevada watersheds have been selected for the program this year: Carson Desert, Pine, Walker and Warner Lakes. CSP is designed to financially reward farmers and ranchers who are actively working to conserve natural resources on their land. The CSP application process is open to all qualified producers in these watershed areas. CSP targets farmers who have been practicing good soil and water conservation on their farmland.

Workshops are being held to explain the program and help agricultural producers determine their eligibility:

<u>WATERSHED</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Carson	March 28	10:00 a.m.	Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon
Carson	March 29	7:00 p.m.	Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon
Walker	March 30	1:00 p.m.	Casino West, Yerington
Walker	March 31	1:00 p.m.	Walker River Tribe Administrative Building, Schurz
Walker	March 31	6:00 p.m.	Casino West, Yerington
Pine	April 6	1:30 p.m.	USDA Service Center, 555 W. Silver Street, Elko
Pine	April 6	5:30 p.m.	USDA Service Center, 555 W. Silver Street, Elko

"We hope that all producers who are interested in the program will attend one of these workshops," said Richard Vigil, state conservationist for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Nevada. "This could be their only chance to enroll in the program in these watershed areas for the next several years," he said.

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"Agricultural producers who do not live in these watershed areas are also invited to attend a workshop," said Peggy Hughes, NRCS assistant state conservationist. "New watersheds are expected to be added each year,"

Before attending the workshop, producers are asked to complete a CSP Self-Assessment Workbook and complete the Nevada CSP Record-Keeping Supplement. Both are available on the web at <http://www.nv.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp>. Hard copies and compact disk copies of the workbook are also available from the NRCS offices listed below.

There are approximately 375 farms in the three watersheds that lie totally in Nevada, covering 234,790 acres. Most of the Warner Lakes watershed lies in Oregon, in the northwest tip of Nevada.

For more information, contact Rod Dahl, CSP program manager, at (775) 857-8500, or the NRCS office for the CSP watershed:

<u>CSP Watershed</u>	<u>Nevada NRCS Office/Phone Number</u>	
Carson Desert	Fallon	(775) 423-5124 ext. 3
Pine	Elko	(775) 738-8431 ext. 3
Walker	Yerington	(775) 463-2265 ext. 3
Warner Lakes	Minden	(775) 782-3661 ext. 106

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